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RE: Submittal of Proposed Ambient Air Monitoring Plan  
Basin Electric NextGen Project

Dear Mr. Schultz:

As we had discussed last fall, on behalf of our client, Basin Electric Power Cooperative, ENSR is proposing to provide air quality and meteorological monitoring services for Basin Electric for construction of their NextGen project in South Dakota. Based on our discussion, we are proposing to conduct the monitoring at a site in Potter County.

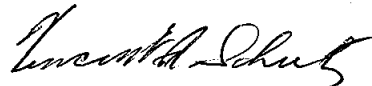
The monitoring results will be used in support of a permit application to construct a coal-fired power plant at one of three sites in the area. It includes the installation of a 100-m instrumented tower and an air quality monitoring effort for criteria air pollutants, and it will operate for one year to collect data in support of the PSD application.

Enclosed are two copies of the proposed Ambient Air Monitoring Plan for this project. Please review and provide any comments as soon as you can. Your expedited review is greatly appreciated. You may call me or Vince Scheetz at 970-493-8878. We look forward to hearing from you regarding this submittal.

Regards,



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Enclosures

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